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TAGS: EEC, LE

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LEBANESE/CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO THE EC NINE

1. A SOURCE ON THE FRINGES OF THE APRIL 22-23 EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG TOLD ME THAT THE NINE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE LEBANESE" CHRISTIANS TO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT A LEBANE/CHRISTIAN STATE SHOULD PARTITION OF THE COUNTRY BE THE ONLY RECOURSE LEFT TO THE CHRISTIANS. SOURCE WAS UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER THIS REQUEST WAS A FORMAL ONE FROM FRANJIEH OR SOMEONE ELSE IN HIS PARTY OR AN INFORMAL SOUNDING TAKEN IN ONE OF THE EC NINE'S CAPITALS. HOWEVER, HE CLAIMS IT WAS DISCUSSED IN SECRECY BY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND THAT THEY WERE UNANIMOUS IN AGREEING TO SEND BACK NEGATIVE
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SIGNALS UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THEY REPORTEDLY ARE

OPPOSED IN

PRINCIPLE TO PARTITION OF LEBANON AT THIS TIME BECAUSE
THEY FEAR A CHRISTIAN ENCLAVE IN THE HEART OF THE ARAB
WORLD WOULD BE ANOTHER ISRAEL. THEY ALSO ARE FEARFUL
THAT EARLY EUROPEAN RECOGNITION OF A LEBANESE/CHRISTIAN
STATE COULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE THE NINE'S RELATIONS WITH
SYRIA AND A NUMBER OF KEY ARAB STATES.

2. COMMENT: I AM UNABLE TO VERIFY THIS REPORT, AND THE
DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PASS THIS TELEGRAM TO BEIRUT AND
OTHER INTERESTED POSTS IF DESIRABLE. PHILLIPS

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